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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: M.J. Yancey et al. Attorney Docket No. WEYE118151/24380A
Application No.: 10/051,872 Group Art Unit: 1731
Filed: January 16, 2002 Examiner: J.A. Fortuna
Title: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING DRIED SINGULATED CROSSLINKED
CELLULOSE PULP FIBERS

TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE
AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Seattle, Washington 98101

December 29, 2004

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

A. Amendment Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- X 1. No additional claim fee is required, as shown below.
_____ 2. The claim fee has been calculated as shown below.

COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

| | Claims Remaining After Amendment | | Highest Number Previously Paid For | | Present Extra | | Rate | | Additional Fee |
|-----------------------|---|-------|---|---|------------------|---|------|---|-------------------|
| Total Claims | 29 | Minus | 39 | = | 0 | x | 50 | = | 0.00 |
| Independent Claims | 2 | Minus | 4 | = | 0 | x | 200 | = | 0.00 |

Total Additional Fee \$0.00
for this Amendment

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B. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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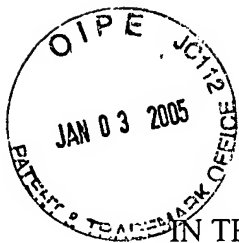
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This paper is filed in reply to the communication dated September 30, 2004 from the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application.

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